FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

May 11, 2004

In Reply Refer To:

CMS Gas Transmission Company and Bluewater Gas Storage, L.L.C. Docket No. CP04-105-000 Presidential Permit

The Honorable Colin L. Powell Secretary of State Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order Nos. 10485 and 12038 of September 1, 1953, and February 3, 1978, respectively, and the Secretary of Energy's Delegation Order No. 00-004.00, effective December 12, 2001, enclosed for your information and consideration is a copy of an application filed jointly by CMS Gas Transmission (CMS) and Bluewater Gas Storage (Bluewater) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on April 8, 2004, in Docket No. CP04-105-000. In that application, CMS and Bluewater request that the Commission issue a Presidential Permit and authority under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) to Bluewater, who will acquire CMS' leasehold interest in the facilities described below. The Commission issued the Presidential Permit and NGA section 3 authorization to CMS in Docket Nos. CP95-331-000 and CP95-332-000 on August 2, 1995, CMS Gas Transmission and Storage Company, 72 FERC ¶ 61,146 (1995), which authorized CMS to operate, maintain, and connect certain natural gas facilities at the United States/Canada international boundary in St. Clair County, Michigan (the "Border Facilities").
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owned wholly or in part by any foreign government, nor is it subsidized, directly or indirectly, by any foreign government.

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- 4. Bluewater seeks to acquire the leasehold interest in the Border Facilities from CMS, as well as CMS' Presidential Permit and NGA section 3 authorization, in connection with the development by Bluewater of a natural gas storage facility in St. Clair County, Michigan. In furtherance of this project, Bluewater acquired a 25-mile long pipeline (Bluewater Pipeline) in Macomb and St. Clair Counties, Michigan, and obtained authority from the Michigan Commission to construct and operate new pipeline facilities that would interconnect the Bluewater Pipeline to the Bluewater storage facility and to Great Lakes Gas Transmission, L.P.'s system. Additionally, Bluewater sought authority from the Michigan Commission to construct interconnections with Vector Pipeline L.P. and Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.
- 5. Except to the extent that the Commission will continue to regulate the Border Facilities under section 3 of the NGA, once they are transferred to Bluewater by CMS, Bluewater and its other facilities and operations will qualify for exemption from the Commission's jurisdiction under section 1(c) of the NGA (the Hinshaw exemption). The transfer to Bluewater of CMS' leasehold interest in the Border Facilities will not involve any change to the physical facilities covered by CMS's existing Presidential Permit, the underlying use of the facilities, or the services that are currently provided to customers on the facilities.
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- 7. The applicants contemplate that the issuance of a Presidential Permit and section 3 authorization to Bluewater will take effect at the time that CMS and Bluewater close the transaction involving Bluewater's acquisition of CMS' leasehold interest in the Border Facilities. Once all necessary government approvals are received, Bluewater plans to begin gas transportation services over the Border Facilities on a stand-alone basis or in conjunction with its provision of gas storage services. Until that time, CMS will continue to hold the leasehold interest and retain the authorizations necessary to operate the Border Facilities.
- 8. Also, enclosed for your consideration is a draft copy of the amended Presidential Permit to be issued to Bluewater, which incorporates terms and conditions you and the Secretary of Defense have heretofore required in similar cases. Consistent with current Commission policy, there are two substantive differences between the draft Permit and the existing Permit. Article 3 of the draft Permit does not limit the use of the subject facilities to the importation of gas. Thus, the facilities may be used for importation or exportation as consistent with current and future authorizations by the Department of Energy. Article 9 is revised to state that the Permittee is required to defer to the Commission's finding and requirement regarding which authorized facilities should be removed and which should remain in place, in the event that they are no longer used.
- 9. A similar letter, together with a draft of the proposed Presidential Permit and a copy of the application, is being sent to the Secretary of Defense. If the Secretary of Defense should make an unfavorable recommendation or propose any material change in the draft of the Permit, the Commission will immediately advise you.
- 10. The Commission would appreciate receiving your views regarding issuance of the proposed amended Permit at an early date. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 502-8400, or Amy Heyman at (202) 502-8115, if you need any further information.

By direction of the Commission.

Linda Mitry, Acting Secretary.

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PERMIT AUTHORIZING BLUEWATER GAS STORAGE, L.L.C. TO OPERATE, MAINTAIN, AND CONNECT NATURAL GAS FACILITIES AT THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

DOCKET NO. CP04-105-000

CMS Gas Transmission Company (CMS), a corporation under the laws of the State of Michigan and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CMS Enterprises, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CMS Energy Corporation, and Bluewater Gas Storage, L.L.C. (Bluewater), a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, whose only member is Sempra Energy Trading Corp., a Delaware corporation, filed in Docket No. CP04-105-000 on April 8, 2004 an application, pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 10485 and 12038, issued on September 1, 1953 and February 3, 1978, respectively, and the Secretary of Energy's Delegation Order No. 00-004.00, effective December 12, 2001, for a Permit authorizing Bluewater (Permittee), who will acquire CMS' leasehold interest in the border facilities, to operate, maintain, and connect the natural gas transmission facilities described in Article 2 below at the international boundary between the United States and Canada.

By letters dated 2004 and 2004, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, respectively, favorably recommended that the Permit be granted. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) finds that the issuance of a Permit is appropriate and consistent with the public interest.

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order Nos. 10485 and 12038, dated September 3, 1953, and February 3, 1978, respectively, and the Secretary of Energy's Delegation Order No. 00-004.00, effective December 12, 2001, and the Commission's regulations, permission is granted to Permittee to operate, maintain, and connect the natural gas transmission facilities described in Article 2 below, upon the terms and conditions of the Permit.

Article 1. It is expressly agreed by the Permittee that the facilities herein described shall be subject to all provisions and requirements of this Permit. This Permit may be modified or revoked by the President of the United States or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and may be amended by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, upon proper application therefor.

Article 2. The following facilities are subject to this Permit:

A natural gas transmission pipeline consisting of approximately 0.25 miles of 12-inch diameter pipeline, with a capacity of 250,000 MMcf/d, that

extends from the terminus of Permittee's Bluewater Pipeline in St.Clair County, Michigan to the international boundary between the United States and Canada at a point in the middle of the St. Clair River.

- Article 3. The natural gas facilities authorized herein, or which may subsequently be included herein by modification or amendment, may be utilized for the importation or exportation of natural gas between the United States and Canada only in the amount, at the rate, and in the manner authorized under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act.
- Article 4. The operation, maintenance, and connection of the aforesaid facilities shall be subject to the inspection and approval of representatives of the United States. The Permittee shall allow officers and employees of the United States, showing proper credentials, free and unrestricted access to the land occupied by the facilities in the performance of their official duties.
- Article 5. If in the future it should appear to the Secretary of the Army that any facilities or operations permitted hereunder cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of any of the navigable waters of the United States, the Permittee may be required, upon notice from the Secretary of the Army, to remove or alter the same so as to render navigation through such waters free and unobstructed.
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- Article 7. The Permittee agrees to file with the Commission, under oath and in such detail as the Commission may require, such statements or reports with respect to the natural gas exported, imported, or the facilities described herein, as the Commission may, from time to time, request. Such information may be made available to any federal, state, or local agency requesting such information.
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facilities in a condition of repair for the efficient transportation of natural gas and shall make all necessary renewals and replacement.

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IN TESTIMONY (OF ACCEP	TANCE of all th	ne provisions	, conditions and
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its name to be signed by _		_, pursuant to a re	esolution of	its Board of Directors
duly adopted on the				
which is attached hereto.				
			Bluewater	Gas Storage, L.L.C.
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(Attest)				
Executed in triplicate.				

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TESTIMONY OF	ACCEPTANC	E of all the	e provisions,	conditions and
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its name to be signed by _	, pu	rsuant to a	resolution of	f its Board of Directors
duly adopted on the	day of	, 2004,	a certified co	ppy of the record of
which is attached hereto.				
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Executed in triplicate.				